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- The application concerns a web material with a specific elongation behaviour and a process for making such webs.
- 1.2 Independent claim 1 together with dependent claims 2 to 14 which concern particular embodiments of the subject-matter of claim 1 - define such web material with discontinuous expansion behaviour. It expands with relatively low resistance up to a certain extent and then shows a rapid increase in expansion tension.
- 1.3 Independent claim 15 defines the necessary process steps for making such a web.
- 1.4 Since the available prior art gives no decisive hints the subject-matter of the application appears to fulfill the requirements of Article 33(2) and (3) PCT.

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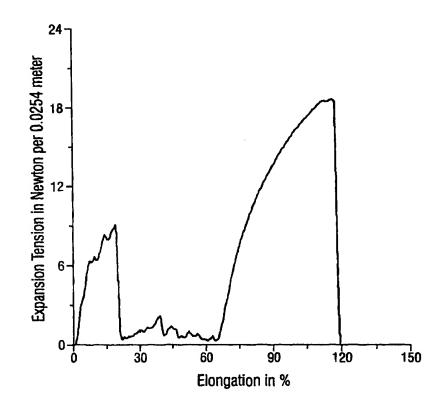
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(57) Abstract

The present invention is a web material which can be used in the production of large quantities of articles which are assembled from, inter alia, continuously fed web materials. In particular, the web material of the present invention can be expanded by a predetermined amount whilst exhibiting a relatively low resistance to expansion. This material property is assessed in the Discontinuous Expansion Test which determines the Relative Expansion Tension reduction during the discontinuous expansion. A web material according to the present invention has a Relative Expansion Tension Reduction of at least 50 %. Another object of the present invention is the process for making such discontinuously expandable web materials comprising the step of incorporating longitudinal expansion means and optionally tearable expansion obstruction means into the web material.



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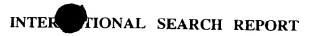
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